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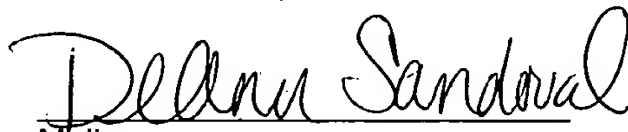
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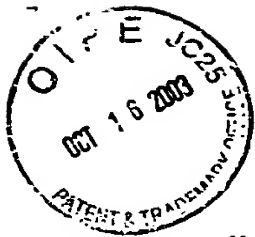
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In the Office Action dated September 26, 2003, a restriction requirement was made to pending claims 1–25, placing the claims in two separate groups:

- Invention I (claims 1–20 and 25) drawn to methods of design and modeling of an arbiter/arbitrator or initiator or router; and
- Invention II (claims 21–23) drawn to an end product arbitrator device.

The Office is requiring an election of claims of Invention I or Invention II for further examination. An election is hereby made, without traverse, to continue to prosecute the claims of Invention I (claims 1–20 and 25).

In light of the election of Invention I, please cancel claims 21–23 without prejudice as to the subject matter contained therein. Claims 1–20 and 25 are pending in the application.

No fee is believed to be required by this response as determined on the accompanying transmittal letter. Should any fee be required, please charge Deposit Account 50-1123. Should an additional extension of time be

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required, please consider this a petition therefore and charge the required fee to Deposit Account 50-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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